

Appln. No. 10/630,320
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REMARKS

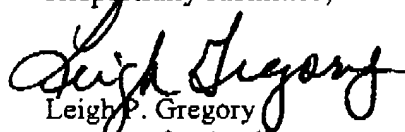
The present claims are as presented in the initial preliminary amendment filed with the present divisional application on July 30, 2003. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was received because that initial preliminary amendment did not conform to the new rules which went into effect on that date. Thus, a supplemental preliminary amendment was filed on July 18, 2005. The supplemental preliminary amendment incorrectly copied claims from a differing divisional application. The Examiner's rejection, discussed below, and the present response are directed to the actual, correct claims pending in the present application.

Claims 18 – 24 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 24 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,794,485. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer, signed by the attorney of record, is filed herewith. Thus, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the present rejection.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the status of the present claims to Applicants' below signed representative.

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